AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAINS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1. (currently amended) An image data communication apparatus connected to an image data source and to a network, and transmitting image data attached to an e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network, the e-mail including ~~mail from command and~~ a mail message, the image data attached to the e-mail as an openable document, the image data communication apparatus comprising:

a memory configured to store default information and information regarding an identification of at least one user of the image data communication apparatus and;

a panel section configured to select the information regarding an identification of at least one user ~~other than the default information~~ stored in the memory; and

a controller configured to set the default information into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the information regarding the identification of the user is not selected by the panel section;

the controller being configured to set the information regarding the identification of the user selected by the panel section into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the information regarding the identification of the user is selected by the panel section, whereby opening, at the receiving apparatus, of the attached image data is not required to determine the information regarding the identification of the user.

Claim 2. (original) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the image data source comprises a scanner connected to the image data communication apparatus.

Claim 3. (original) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the panel section comprises a personal computer connected to the image data communication apparatus.

Claim 4. (original) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the personal computer displays an HTML document for storing the information regarding an identification of the user in the memory.

Claim 5. (original) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the image data attached to the e-mail is converted into a format for e-mail transmission.

Claim 6. (original) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the default information is pre-stored in the memory and the information regarding the identification of the user is stored in the memory by the user.

Claim 7. (currently amended) A method for controlling an image data communication apparatus connected to an image data source and to a network, and transmitting image data attached to an e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network, the e-mail including ~~mail from command and~~ a mail message, the image data attached to the e-mail as an openable document, a memory storing default information and <u>selectable</u> information regarding an identification of at least one user of the image data communication apparatus, ~~the information regarding an identification of at least one user being information other than the default information,~~ the method comprising:

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setting the default information into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the information regarding the identification of the user is not selected; and

setting the information regarding the identification of the user into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the information regarding the identification of the user is selected, whereby opening, at the receiving apparatus, of the attached image data is not required to determine the information regarding the identification of the user.

Claim 8. (original) The method according to claim 7, wherein the image data attached to the e-mail is converted into a format for e-mail transmission.

Claim 9. (original) The method according to claim 7, wherein the default information is pre-stored in the memory and the information regarding the identification of the user is stored in the memory by the user.

Claim 10. (currently amended) An image data communication apparatus connected to a network, the image data communication apparatus comprising:

a transmitter configured to transmit image data attached to an e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network, the e-mail including mail from command and a mail message, the image data attached to the e-mail as an openable document;

a memory configured to store default information and information regarding an identification of at least one user of the image data communication apparatus;

a panel section configured to select the information regarding an identification of at least one user other than the default information stored in the memory; and

a controller configured to set the default information into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the information regarding the identification of the user is not selected by the panel section,

the controller being configured to set the information regarding the identification of the user selected by the panel section into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the information regarding the identification of the user is selected by the panel section, whereby opening, at the receiving apparatus, of the attached image data is not required to determine the information regarding the identification of the user.

Claim 11. (original) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 10, wherein the image data attached to the e-mail is converted into a format for e-mail transmission.

Claim 12. (original) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 10, wherein the default information is pre-stored in the memory and the information regarding the identification of the user is stored in the memory by the user.

Claim 13. (currently amended) A method for controlling an image data communication apparatus connected to a network, and transmitting image data attached to an e-mail, the e-mail including ~~mail from command and~~ a mail message, the image data being attached to the e-mail as an openable document, a memory storing default information and <u>selectable</u> information regarding identification of at least one user of the image communication apparatus, ~~the information regarding an identification of at least one user being information other than the default information,~~ the method comprising:

setting the default information into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the information regarding the identification of the user is not selected;

setting the information regarding the identification of the user into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the information regarding the identification of the user is selected, whereby opening, at the receiving apparatus, of the attached image data is not required to determine the information regarding the identification of the user; and

transmitting the image data attached to the e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network.

Claim 14. (original) The method according to claim 13, wherein the image data attached to the e-mail is converted into a format for e-mail transmission.

Claim 15. (original) The method according to claim 13, wherein the default information is pre-stored in the memory and the information regarding the identification of the user is stored in the memory by the user.

Claim 16. (new) An image data communication apparatus connected to an image data source and to a network, and transmitting image data attached to an e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network, the e-mail including a mail message, the image data attached to the e-mail as an openable document, the image data communication apparatus comprising:

a memory configured to store a default e-mail address of the image data communication apparatus and information regarding an identification of at least one user of the image data communication apparatus;

a panel section configured to select the information regarding an identification of at least one user stored in the memory; and

a controller configured to set the default e-mail address into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the information regarding the identification of the user is not selected by the panel section;

the controller being configured to set the default e-mail address and the information regarding the identification of the user selected by the panel section into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the information regarding the identification of the user is selected by the panel section, whereby opening, at the receiving apparatus, of the attached image data is not required to determine the information regarding the identification of the user.

Claim 17. (new) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 16, wherein the image data attached to the e-mail is converted into a format for e-mail transmission.

Claim 18. (new) The image data communication apparatus according to claim 16, wherein the default e-mail address is pre-stored in the memory, and the information regarding the identification of the user is stored in the memory by the user.

Claim 19. (new) An image data communication apparatus connected to an image data source and to a network, and transmitting image data attached to an e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network, the e-mail including a mail message, the image data attached to the e-mail as an openable document, the image data communication apparatus comprising:

a memory configured to store default information, information regarding an identification of at least one user of the image data communication apparatus, and a default e-mail address of the image data communication apparatus; and

a panel section configured to select the information regarding an identification of at least one user stored in the memory; and

a controller configured to set the default e-mail address and the default information into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the information regarding the identification of the user is not selected by the panel section,

the controller being configured to set the default e-mail address and the information regarding the identification of the user selected by the panel section into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the information regarding the identification of the user is selected by the panel section, whereby opening, at the receiving apparatus, of the attached image data is not required to determine the information regarding the identification of the user.

Claim 20. (new) A method for controlling an image data communication apparatus connected to an image data source and to a network, and transmitting image data attached to an e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network, the e-mail including a mail message, the image data attached to the e-mail as an openable document, a memory storing a default e-mail address of the image data communication apparatus and selectable information regarding an identification of at least one user of the image data communication apparatus, the method comprising:

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setting the default e-mail address into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the information regarding the identification of the user is not selected; and

setting the default e-mail address and the information regarding the identification of the user selected by the panel section into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the information regarding the identification of the user is selected, whereby opening, at the receiving apparatus, of the attached image data is not required to determine the information regarding the identification of the user.

Claim 21. (new) A method for controlling an image data communication apparatus connected to an image data source and to a network, and transmitting image data attached to an e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network, the e-mail including a mail message, the image data attached to the e-mail as an openable document, a memory storing default information, selectable information regarding an identification of at least one user of the image data communication apparatus, and a default e-mail address of the image data communication apparatus, the method comprising:

setting the default e-mail address and the default information into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the information regarding the identification of the user is not selected; and

setting the default e-mail address and the information regarding the identification of the user selected by the panel section into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the information regarding the identification of the user is selected, whereby opening, at the receiving apparatus, of the attached image data is not required to determine the information regarding the identification of the user.